



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV

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## JOINT PUBLIC POLICY (JPP) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Approved  
2/16/2011

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	HIV EPI AND OAPP STAFF	COMM STAFF/CONSULTANTS
Lee Kochems, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Whitney Engeran-Cordova, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Jim Chud	Elizabeth Escobedo	Jane Nachazel
Carla Bailey	Carrie Broadus	Aaron Fox		Craig Vincent-Jones
Kyle Baker	Kathy Watt	Miki Jackson		Nicole Werner
Robert Butler		Terry Smith		
Nettie DeAugustine		Jason Wise		
Michael Johnson				
Juan Rivera				
Stephen Simon				

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Kochems called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**MOTION #1:** Approve the Agenda Order with Juan Rivera added as a Committee member (*Passed by Consensus*).
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**  
**MOTION #2:** Approve the 12/6/2010 Joint Public Policy (JPP) Committee Meeting Minutes, as presented (*Passed by Consensus*).
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** AIDSWatch will be 2/16-18/2011. APLA is not providing scholarships except for two APLA clients. Contact Messrs. Fox or Wise at APLA for more information.
5. **COMMITTEE COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no comments.
6. **PUBLIC/COMMISSION COMMENT FOLLOW-UP:** There were no comments.
7. **CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:**
  - A. **Co-Chair Nominations:** Mr. Butler nominated Mr. Kochems and Mr. Simon for the new term. Nominations will close and the election will be held at the February meeting.
  - B. **Committee Work Plan:**
    - 1) **Work Prioritization:**
      - Mr. Kochems reported that JPP had revised its work plan the prior month, but new revisions will be needed in lieu of Commission restructuring.
      - Mr. Johnson said the Health Care Reform (HCR) Task Force has been elevated to a Commission-level body designed to foster dialogue with committees on HCR and related issues, such as the the implementation of the 1115 Waiver.

He asked all to consider skill sets needed for the body to address those issues, e.g., 1115 Waiver and transition to managed care, including County jurisdiction.

- Mr. Kochems asked how new Commission priorities were developed. Mr. Johnson replied they were developed from dialogue at committees and with individual Commissioners regarding the effect of HCR on Ryan White (RW), e.g., some 70% of consumers will transition to managed care by 2014 and ADAP will become a secondary medication source after managed care. Those still eligible for RW will reflect a different population.
- Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (SPDs) will begin to transition to managed care starting 6/1/2011, monthly by date of birth. That will require consumer education as many consumers have never had insurance before.
- The County is expanding its Medicaid coverage, Healthy Way LA, from about 68,000 to up to 130,000 by 2014.
- Priorities based on facts are: HCR, 1115 Waiver, consumer education, maintaining care, Testing and Linkage to Care, Treatment Plus (TLC+), Comprehensive Care Plan (CCP) and unmet need, and preserving standards of care.
- All committees are asked to streamline their work plans so they can develop County-level operational policy recommendations to the Board and address these issues more comprehensively. HIV legislative recommendations are made annually, but issues like maintaining jurisdiction of care to ensure consumers can maintain their HIV treatment as they transition to managed care are essential.
- Mr. Fox asked about Medi-Cal SPDs. Mr. Johnson replied a disability designation is required for the SPD population. It is not yet known whether mandatory migration will apply to Medi-Medi, but that is a good JPP question. One-third of clients are in the Department of Health Services' (DHS) nine clinics, which are enrolling clients as quickly as possible into the Community Health Plan, the DHS managed care plan, in order to retain client control.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones added changes pursuant to 1115 Waiver are expected to bridge to full enactment of HCR in 2014, but there are multiple scenarios as to how that will take place, so the HCR Task Force must address both.
- Mr. Kochems asked Commission Co-Chairs to recruit experts as needed to help JPP address health care issues.
- Mr. Butler said the Commission is required to address health care. Other areas such as housing and utilities are very important, but some may need to be sacrificed to ensure that first priority in lieu of tight funding. Consumers need education to understand the realities and how to best manage their situations under their circumstances.
- Mr. Kochems reported education is a Consumer Caucus focus. The Commission Co-Chairs will be attending committee meetings more regularly to help maintain that focus and empower the committees and caucuses.
- Ms. DeAugustine, Co-Chair, HCR Task Force, said the task force can use public forums to ensure dialogue.
- Mr. Simon felt it important not to de-prioritize JPP's role in developing legislative recommendations to the Board and Policy Briefs. A key priority must be to ensure coordination between JPP and the HCR Task Force to ensure JPP has access to appropriate organizational policy content. Mr. Johnson replied input will be needed from the Chief Executive Office, DHS and multiple other departments such as Public Health and Mental Health. The goal is to get as many facts on the table as possible while keeping a focus on these issues.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones said Commission-level task forces are intended to cross all committees. They report to the Executive Committee, which is responsible for coordinating activities across committees and other bodies, including the Prevention Planning Committee (PPC), OAPP and other County departments. The Commission structure is based on committees using expertise in their areas to identify issues and bring them forward to create a dialogue.
- ➡ Complete JPP work plan revisions to reflect 12/6/2010 changes prior to the February meeting. JPP will review the work plan and discuss incorporation of new priorities at that meeting.

## **8. PUBLIC POLICY INITIATIVES:**

### **A. Routine HIV Testing:**

- Mr. Simon was not sure if the Omnibus Testing Bill included routine testing, but felt there were only 30 or 40 days left to complete the bill. Mr. Baker said there had been progress. He expected someone would have something soon.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones said the Commission had planned to participate with some other principal stakeholders, but an effort to schedule a meeting had failed to date.
- Mr. Simon said the original goal was a package bill to remove remaining barriers to expanding testing availability.
- Mr. Smith asked whether the bill had not addressed prevention in general including prevention allocations. Mr. Vincent-Jones did not remember allocations as part of the proposed content. Surveillance had originally been included, but those issues appear to have been resolved. Other subjects were the place of Counseling/Testing in HCR and its expansion. Mr. Baker said there were also discussions about the prevention formula.

- ➡ Schedule a meeting of original stakeholders. Mr. Butler and Mr. Smith will be added to the contact list.

**B. Title XXII Housing Regulations:** Mr. Vincent-Jones reported he has received the list of statewide providers.

- ➡ Coordinate a meeting of statewide providers to resolve regulation issues.

**C. HIV/STD Control in the Adult Film Industry:** Mr. Vincent-Jones reported Cal-OSHA would meet the following week. The revised work plan action is to monitor Cal-OSHA activity and respond as needed. Ms. Jackson noted a report on City purview and Film LA is due to the City Council on 1/24/2011.

**D. Services for Undocumented/Legal Residents:** Mr. Vincent-Jones said the category is being referred to the Latino Caucus and renamed "Ineligible Populations." The group reviewing the draft policy met 1/18/2011. Consensus was reached on how to proceed and editing has begun. The draft will be emailed to others who wished to participate. Comments are expected back by next week. The draft will be made public after final comments are incorporated.

**9. HEALTH CARE REFORM:** There was no additional discussion.

**10. NATIONAL HIV/AIDS STRATEGY (NHAS):**

- Mr. Vincent-Jones reiterated that it was agreed at the last meeting that NHAS would be the context for the CCP and TLC+. He added that Federal department plans were due 12/9/2010, but had not been made available to the public.
- Mr. Baker reported the Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP), the President's Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS (PACHA), and other key players have now had time to review the material and it has been the subject of PACHA subcommittee meetings. He expected it would be part of PACHA's meeting at the end of the month. If so, it would be made public then.
- ➡ A copy of the report will be forwarded to the Commission/PPC Integration Task Force once available.

**11. BENEFITS POLICY:**

**A. Medi-Medi Benefits from Medi-Cal Co-Pays:**

- ➡ Mr. Vincent-Jones will follow-up with Bradley Land and Jeffrey Goodman. This may no longer be an issue.

**B. SSI Disability Payment Formula:**

- Mr. Vincent-Jones said addressing the formula has always been a legislative priority, but one of the Governor's proposals is to further reduce SSI payments. Mr. Baker and Mr. Simon felt the Governor was already aware of the issue. Ms. DeAugustine added many areas have mandated funding, so areas the Governor can cut are limited.
- Mr. Butler agreed SSI is important, but the Commission's first priority is to preserve medical care and medications. Mr. Vincent-Jones added raising the issue could make things worse as the State is not required to pay anything.
- ➡ Re-assign issue to parking lot for consideration at a time when the .

**C. Strategy for ADAP Reform Proposals:** There was no report.

**12. STATE POLICY:** There was no additional discussion.

**13. LOCAL POLICY:**

**A. Corrections Work Group:** Mr. Kochems reported the Work Group is scheduled to meet 2/9/2011. Additional interested parties are welcome.

**14. BUDGET POLICY:**

**A. Budget Strategy Work Group:**

- Mr. Vincent-Jones reported the Work Group of Mr. Baker, Mr. Fox and himself developed an initial strategy. Now that more specifics are available, it is time for a fuller group to move forward. Mr. Chud reported that the City of West Hollywood met until midnight on 1/18/2011 to discuss how to shelter their funds.
- Ms. Jackson reported the LA's City Attorney filed a complaint on the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) meetings for Brown Act violations. The Los Angeles Project Area Committee (PAC) voted to demand CRAs comply with Governor Brown's plan to release the funds now needed for other services, including health care. It is organizing PACs and neighborhood councils statewide to join them and have asked Camilla Harris to investigate the legality of

CRA's locking up their funds. The *LA Weekly* website has two stories by Simone Wilson detailing information, including the comparison of the Los Angeles City budget shortfall and CRA funds. She said the CRA funds would essentially eliminate the shortfall. Ms. DeAugustine felt many Long Beach CRA projects have been helpful in improving highly impacted areas.

- Mr. Baker said the preliminary Assembly Budget Hearing is now scheduled for 1/24/2011 and the House for 2/1/2011.
- ➡ Email a list of subcommittees and work groups to new JPP members, so they can identify their interests.

**15. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:** There was no additional discussion.

**16. COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS:**

**A. CA Center for HIV/AIDS Research:**

- Mr. Fox reported on the San Francisco meeting. There were updates on work from the two policy research centers. There was also discussion on potential work regarding HCR, e.g., mapping Medi-Cal providers to identify how far people would need to travel to get medical care. Maps could also help providers communicate with their clients.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones said San Francisco agreed to lead research regarding ineligible populations, specifically how services would be provided for undocumented residents. While Southern California has a larger population, the San Francisco leads on federal issues, and CHIPTS felt it had too much already to take on another subject. He suggested Los Angeles participate. Mr. Fox noted an upcoming conference call on the subject for anyone who wished to participate.
- There were also discussions on a possible PrEP awareness study and an iPrEP adherence study.
- Mr. Fox said a suggestion raised today was to do rapid research on impact to clients of the proposed ADAP share-of-cost. The research also would review whether share-of-cost could save the \$16.8 million estimated by the Office of AIDS.
- ➡ Mr. Fox will follow up on the conference call regarding ineligible populations so that local interested parties can join.

**17. COMMITTEE OPERATIONS:** This item was postponed.

**18. WORK PLAN REVIEW:** This item was postponed.

**19. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There were no announcements.

**20. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.